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In re Patent of Tochishita et al.	:	
Patent No. 6,878,210	:	
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Application No. 09/883,232	:	
Filing Date: June 19, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. 991074A	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.183 filed September 20, 2005, requesting 37 CFR 3.81(a) "be waived to permit the correct name of the assignee to be provided after the issuance of the patent." The petition is also being treated as a request under 37 CFR 3.81 to accept the correction of the assignee data.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.183 is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

The request under 37 CFR 3.81 is **GRANTED**.

Effective June 25, 2004, the practice relating to issuance of a patent to an assignee was modified by requiring that, after payment of an issue fee, a request for a certificate of correction must be filed in order to obtain issuance of the patent to an assignee. Thus, where the assignment data is submitted after payment of the issue fee, the patent document will not include the assignment information. Therefore, as 37 CFR 3.81(b) was modified to provide for issuance of the patent to the assignee, the practice of waiving the rule (37 CFR 3.81(a)) under 37 CFR 1.183 is longer necessary and has been eliminated.

37 CFR 3.81(b), as modified, reads:

Any request for issuance of an application in the name of the assignee submitted after the date of payment of the issue fee, and any request for a patent to be corrected to state the name of the assignee, must state that the assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in § 3.11 before issuance of the patent, and must include a request for a certificate of correction under § 1.323 of this chapter (accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.20(a)) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i) of this chapter.

In other words, the request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) will be granted when:

- (1) a request under 37 CFR 3.81 and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i) are filed,

- (2) the assignment was submitted for recordation prior to issuance of the patent, and
- (3) a request for a certificate of correction and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(a) are submitted.

The above requirements have been met. Therefore, the request is granted.

The file is being forwarded to the Certificates of Correction Branch for issuance of the requested Certificate of Correction.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley at (571) 272-3203.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Brantley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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